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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
FORCE ADJUSTMENT IN IRAQ

REF: STATE 231047

[1](#)1. (U) This cable contains an action request, para. 3.

[1](#)2. (U) Poloff delivered reftel demarche on December 28 to  
Aidar Aitashev, First Secretary, MFA Department of Asia and  
Africa.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Aitashev said that the GOK was interested in  
facilitating Kazakhstani companies' efforts to bid for  
development contacts related to Iraqi reconstruction. While  
Kazakhstan was not in a position to be a donor, the GOK  
hoped that Kazakhstani companies could assist in  
implementing development projects. ACTION REQUEST: Post  
requests information regarding how the GOK could facilitate  
Kazakhstani companies' bids for development contracts. END  
ACTION REQUEST

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